

Matrix Product States: defeating the curse of dimensionality

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Outline

- ▷ MPS / Tensor Trains in statistical physics
- ▷ MPS in quantum mechanics

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- ▷ Naive brute force: 2^L operations necessary.
- ▷ Monte Carlo: sampling in space of 2^L states.

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▷ Correlations by inverting or diagonalizing the covariance matrix.

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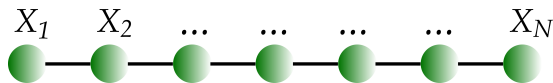


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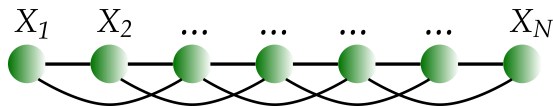
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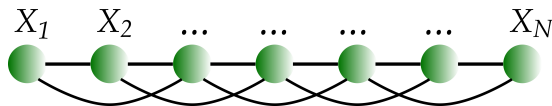
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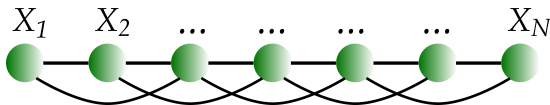


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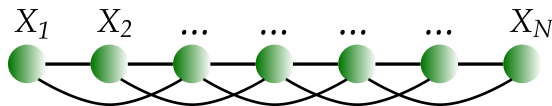
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- ▶ Approximation to ground state. Approximation is *good* if ground state is in the same *class* of states as the ansatz $|\psi_{\text{MF}}\rangle$.

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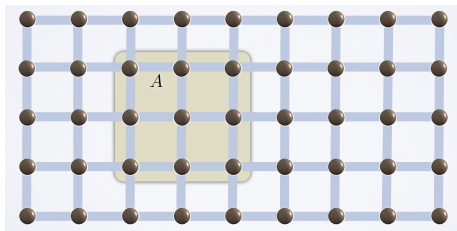
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- ▷ Are ground states in the same *class* as MPS? Which is this class?
Are the coefficients $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{x}}$ in ground states *weakly* coupled?

Class of lowly entangled states Eisert, arXiv:1308:3318 (2013)

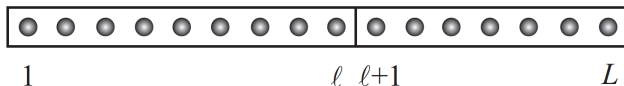
Many natural quantum lattice models have ground states that are little, in fact very little, entangled in a precise sense. This shows that “nature is lurking in some small corner of Hilbert space”, one that can be essentially efficiently parametrized.



Gapped Hamiltonians with short range interactions.

- ▷ Physical correlations have a finite range.
- ▷ Entanglement fulfills **area law**: entanglement of a region A is proportional to surface $|\partial A|$, not volume $|A|$, of this region.

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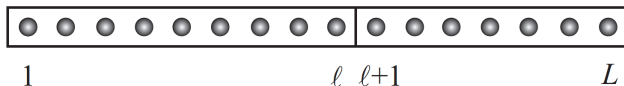
Perform SVD (singular value decomposition) $M = USV^\dagger$

- ▷ $U^\dagger U = I$ and $VV^\dagger = I$, i.e. U and V have columns of orthonormal vectors
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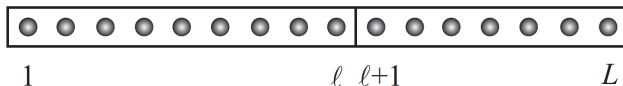
as trace over subsystem B can be performed easily

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Entanglement between A and B

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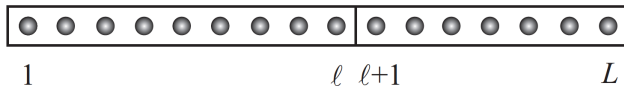


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- ▶ As $\nu \in \{1, \dots, D\}$, the matrix dimension D directly translates into number of allowed singular values, and by that the number of summands in the entanglement entropy!

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- ▶ Mean-field states with matrix dimension 1 are not entangled!
- ▶ Everything up to $D=1000$ is easily treatable on a computer.

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